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*THE following Paper was communicated to us by a Gentleman, who aſſures us it is the Subſtance of a Propoſal very lately given in to the Penſionary Monſieur* Heinſius, *by the principal Merchants of* Amſterdam.

THE State being engag'd in a dangerous and expenſive War, for the common Good of Europe; it is abſolutely neceſſary to uſe the moſt vigorous Efforts both by Land and Sea, to bring it to a happy Iſſue. We ſhall confine our ſelves in the following Diſcourſe, to conſider what may be done at Sea.

A Naval Force will not only carry the King of Spain to the Frontiers of his Kingdom, but keep the Sea Coaſt ſo well ſecur'd, that the Spaniards who are in his Intereſt may ſafely venture to declare for him.

The Fleets of France may be ſhut up in their Harbours.

The Duke of Savoy may be kept in heart againſt his new enrag'd Enemy.

Other Potentates of Italy may be encourag'd to eſpouſe the common Cauſe.

The Imperial Armies in Italy may at all times be duly and eaſily ſupply'd with Ammunitions, Proviſions, &c.

To be ſhort, without a ſtrong Naval Force it would be vain to hope, that the King of Spain ſhould ſucceed in this Expedition, on which the Liberty of Europe does ſo much depend.

That this Naval Force therefore, may not be obſtructed or reſtrain'd, we judge it extreamly neceſſary, that an Imbargo ſhould be laid on all Ships, and conſequently that the Merchants Trade by Sea, which is at preſent ſo hazardous and unſafe, ſhould for a ſhort time be ſuſpended, till proper Means are put in Execution for the Security of Navigation.

Certainly no Merchant nor Seaman can reaſonably pretend they ſhall be much prejudic'd, by a ſtop being put to their carrying on a hazardous Trade by Sea, for no longer a time than till an effectual Courſe is taken for their own future Security.

The only Perſons, who with any appearance of Reaſon may apprehend they ſhall ſuffer by this, are thoſe that are intereſted in the Greenland Fiſhery: But did they not run extream Hazards laſt Year? How narrowly did the greateſt part of their Fleet eſcape? Now every one knows that the Eſcape was not owing to their own foreſight or the Strength of their Convoy, but to the accidental ill Conduct of the Enemy. And ſurely they cannot but be in great Pain for the Fleet they deſign to ſend thither the next Seaſon, becauſe 'tis certain they cannot pretend to ask nor have the leaſt hopes of obtaining a ſtronger Convoy, ſeeing ſo great a Number of Ships and Men are employ'd in the Expedition to Portugal.

Is there not ground to fear the Enemy would take better Meaſures this Year than they did the laſt, to intercept our Greenland Fleet? Then why ſhould Men run ſo evident a Risk of Damage to themſelves and Advantage to the Enemy? They might be the better excus'd indeed if they could make an extraordinary Profit at this time of the Greenland Fiſhery; but that cannot well be expected, becauſe the manning and fitting out their Ships will be ſo chargeable, and the Inſurance upon them will run ſo high, that if they ſhould make but an indifferent Voyage this time, tho' their Ships ſhould chance to eſcape the Enemy, it would hardly quit coſt; and if the Fiſhery ſhould prove extraordinary, and they ſhould make a great Voyage this time, then conſidering how the Demand of Whalebone and Train-Oyl is diminiſh'd ſince the Prohibition of Commerce, the Price of thoſe Commodities would ſink ſo low, that there would be very little, if any thing, to be got by them.

It would be tedious to enumerate what great Loſſes other Merchants have ſuffer'd by the Ships that have been taken in their Voyages to or from divers parts, by the Enemies Privateers; when we look back and conſider this, we cannot think any Merchant would diſapprove of a Stop being put to Forreign Commerce till the Seas are clear'd of thoſe Privateers.

Thoſe that conſider of what Importance the Herring Fiſhery is to this Nation, cannot without grief of Heart reflect on the mighty Loſs we ſuſtain'd laſt Year off the Coaſt of Scotland: And it deſerves the moſt ſerious Conſideration how to prevent the like for the future.

The Truth is, if we look back but a Year or two we ſhall find; that it is neceſſary to put a ſhort Stop to Trade by Sea, till a ſufficient Number of Ships of War are well Mann'd, and order'd to Sea to cruiſe in proper Stations; For, it was becauſe ſo many Merchant Ships went out to ſeveral Parts in the beginning of laſt Year, that it was late in the Summer before our Ships of War could put to Sea, for want of Seamen: The Convoys for Portugal, the Eaſt-Country, Norway, and Muſcovy, waited an unuſual time for want of Men likewiſe. Nay the Fleet of Merchant Ships bound from the Texel for London, were forc'd to lye there all Summer long. for want of Convoy.

To prevent all which Inconveniencies for the future, it is neceſſary in our Opinion, to lay an Embargo on Shipping, for ſo long at leaſt as till the Ships we have ſent with the King of Spain to Lisbon are return'd; and then we ſhall be in a Condition to take due Meaſures for ſecuring Navigation; That is to ſay, we may then if we will, man our Ships of War compleatly, and order Cruiſers to proper Stations and appoints Convoys as it ſhall be found neceſſary. Thus our Ships of War being ſufficiently mann'd and properly diſpos'd, the Sea will be open and ſafe for Merchant Ships.

*Falmouth*, Feb. 21. Yeſterday put in here the Ves Cahdelew who three days ſince 35 Leagues N. by E. from Cape Finiſter met with a French Privateer of 16 Guns, and likewiſe met with ſix Sail of Tranſport Ships and Merchant Ships ſeparated from our Grand Fleet; the ſaid Ship fought the Privateer about 2 hours, in the Diſpute the Captain was ſhot thorow the Body, and the Ships abovemention'd were preſerved.

*Plymouth*, Feb. 22. Yeſterday came in Her Majeſty's Ship the Deale Caſtle bound to the Weſt-Indies. This Morning came in a Jerſey Privateer who lately took

took a French Ship laden with Wine and Brandy, and parted from her last Night, so it is suppos'd to be put into Falmouth.

*London*, Feb. 26. On Thursday the Queen went to Windsor, and returns to day to St. James's.

Collonel Robert Wroth is made Second Colonel of Her Majesty's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, commanded by the Duke of Northumberland.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in *Drury-Lane*, this present *Saturday* being the 26th of *February*, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *Tunbridge Walks*, or, *The Yeoman of Kent*, being the last time of acting it till after Lent. With Danceing by Monsieur *du Ruel*, Monsieur *Cherrier*, Mrs. *Mayers*, and the *Devonshire* Girl. And the Famous *Signiora Francisca Margaretta de l'Epine* will perform three new Entertainments of Singing in Italian, the Musick that accompanies her compos'd by Signior *Giacomo Greber*.

Never Acted but twice.

AT the New Theatre in *Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, this present *Saturday* being the 26th of *February*, will be presented a new Play call'd, *Liberty Asserted*.

A Pair of young Mares fit for a Coach, are to be sold very reasonably at the Bell and Nags Head in *Grubstreet*.

Last Week was publish'd,

THE MONTHLY REGISTER: Or Memoirs of the Affairs of *Europe*, &c. Digested from the several Advices that came to *England* in *January* 1704. *Without any Reflections.* To be continued Monthly. Printed for *Sam. Buckley* at the Dolphin in *Little-Britain*. And Sold by *A. Baldwin* in *Warwick-Lane*. Price 6 *d.* *** Of whom may be had the 1st Volume, containing 12 Registers for the Months of last Year, and a Supplement to that of *December*, in which is a large Manifesto, shewing the Right of *Charles* III. to the Spanish Monarchy and the just Motives of his Expedition to Spain; divers other Original Papers; and a General Index to that Volume.

ON *Wednesday* next the First of *March*, begins a Course of Anatomy at Mr. *Geo. Rolph's* Surgeon in *Chancery-lane*.

THis day being the 26th of *February* (at five in the Afternoon) will begin the Sale of the English *Folio* Books, in the *Bibliotheca Ornatissima*, at the Temple-Change Coffee-house in *Fleet-street*, many of them large Paper and in Turky Leather, Gilt and Letter'd on the back. Catalogues may be had, at 6 *d.* apiece, at *D. Brown's* without Temple-Bar, Mr. *Feltham's* at the Parliament-stairs, Mr. *Bennet's* in St. *Paul's* Church-yard, Mr. *Davis* at the Black Bull in *Cornhill*, Booksellers; at *Sheffield's* Coffee-house in *Fleet-street*, and at the place of Sale. *** At the same place is a Collection of Original and other curious Paintings to be sold by hand, the Master's Name and Price upon each Painting; which may be view'd and sold at any time of the day, constant Attendance being given for that purpose.

Lately publish'd,

THE Proceedings of the Parliament of *Scotland*: Begun at *Edinburgh*, *May* 6. 1703. With an Account of all the Material Debates which occur'd during that Session. To which is subjoyn'd, The several Acts pass'd in that Session. The Act of Security, as it was Voted in the House. The Articles of the Claim of Right referr'd to in some of these Acts. Printed in the Year 1704.

THE Lay-Man's Sermon upon the late Storm: Held forth at an Honest *Coffee-House-Conventicle*. *Not so much a Jest as 'tis thought to be.* Printed in the Year 1704.

*E*NGland's State Distempers Trac'd from their Originals: With proper Remedies and Means to make her *Vertuous* and *Prosperous*. And the Managements of Trade discover'd, and adapted Methods to Preserve and Improve it. By *James Whiston*. Sold by *Sam. Crouch*, *Edw. Poole* in *Cornhill*, Booksellers; and *John Nutt* near Stationers-Hall. Price 1 *s.*

IN *Durham-Yard* in the *Strand* facing the River of *Thames*, where the Queen's Arms hang at the Door, is constantly to be advised withal Dr. WILLIAM READ the Approved Occulist, after 35 Years Practice and great Experience, as appears by his multiplicity of Business and daily Success in the most various Distempers incident to the Eyes, where he freely couches the Poor of Cataracts gratis, that are recommended as such Objects by the Ministers and Churchwardens of any Parish, and have cured some Hundreds for Charity lately, not only of Cataracts, but of Clouds, Specks, Ungulas and Albugo's upon the External coats of the Eyes; and also Dimness, Attoms, and other False Appearances before the Sight, occasion'd by Obstructions of the Optick Nerves. He hath lately cured several Persons of Note of the *Fistula Lacrymalis* without Cauterizing or Pain; And hath cured several that have been Deformed with Double and Single Hair Lips, and wry Necks, without any Scar discernable.

WHereas the so much fam'd Strops, which have deservedly gain'd so great a Reputation in the World, for setting of Razors, Pen-knives, &c. upon, instead of a Hoane, have been for some time Sold at *Jacob's* Coffee-house in *Threadneedle-street*; These are to give notice, that the Author of 'em hath remov'd them to *John's* Coffee-house in *Sweetings-Alley* near the Royal Exchange, as hath been mention'd in the Gazette several times since the 4th of *Nov.* last, where only the true ones are now ready fix'd upon boards to be had, all others sold either by *Jacob* or any other Person, under what Denomination soever, are not the right Genuine Strops (prepar'd by the first Author) but something in imitation of 'em. Beware therefore of Counterfeits, for such are abroad. Price 1 *s.* each, with Directions.

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Just publish'd,

AN Account of the Proceedings of the Parliament of *Scotland*, which met at *Edinburgh*, *May* 6. 1703. containing the State of the Country at the time of their Meeting. Their Proceedings about the Toleration. The State of Conformity now, compar'd with that in the Reigns of *Charles* II. and *James* VII. from the Acts of Parliament on that Head. The Eccleiastical Proceedings in that Matter since the Revolution, with an Account of our General Assemblies. The Proceedings about the Act of Security and Limitations, with the remarkable Speeches and Papers on that Subject and others; and the Act as it pass'd the House. A short Comparison between the Limitations now propos'd and our old Constitution. All the Publick Acts pass'd in that Session. And the List of the Members of Parliament prefix'd. Printed in the Year 1704. And sold by *B. Bragg* in *Ave-Mary-lane*, and by most Booksellers in *London* and *Westminster*.

*E*Tmullerus Abridg'd: or, a compleat System of the Theory and Practice of Physick; being a Description of all Diseases incident to Men, Women and Children. With an Account of their causes, Symptoms, and most approved Methods of cure, both Physical and Chyrurgical. To which is prefix'd a short View of the Animal and Vital Functions, the several Vertues and Classes of Medicines. Translated from the last Edition of the Works of *Michael Etmullerus*, late Professor of Physick in the University of *Leiptsick*. A Book very proper for Families. The 2d Edition corrected and improv'd. Sold by *A. Bell* at the Cross-Keys and Bible in *Cornhill* near *Stocks-Market*.

MRs. *Tilford*, who liv'd at *Chelsea*, and cured all sorts of Deafness that were curable, being lately deceas'd, This is to give notice that her only Daughter *Katharine Green*, to whom she communicated her Skill, and who has practis'd for above 20 Years, lives at the same House, viz. the Golden Head near the *Ferry*, where all Persons afflicted with Deafness may have relief, if curable.

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